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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 625
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A RESOLUTION to redesignate a certain bridge on State Highway 53 in Jackson County as the "Dr. L. M. Freeman Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, Dr. Luther Martin (L. M.) Freeman, who lived in the Martin's Creek area near Granville, passed from this life to a far better existence on November 5, 1973; and

WHEREAS, until two weeks before his death, Dr. Freeman maintained his office in Granville where he had practiced medicine for sixty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, having been born in Macon County in 1879, he was perhaps the oldest physician in the Upper Cumberland region at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, some of Dr. Freeman's numerous civic and professional activities included being a devout member of the Church of Christ, exemplary service as secretary and treasurer of the Upper Cumberland Medical Association and the Putnam County Medical Society, distinction as a veteran of the Tennessee Medical Association, being a member of the Five County Medical Society and the 50 Year Club of the American Medical Association, and being a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, after his death, Dr. Freeman's family preserved his office in Granville as a memorial to his lifetime of service and dedication to his community and the good people of the entire Upper Cumberland region; this shrine remains in place today; and

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WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 104 of the Eighty-Eighth General Assembly named a certain bridge on State Highway 53 at Granville in Dr. Freeman's honor; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1975, this bridge, which crosses Cordell Hull Lake, was officially dedicated as the "Dr. L. M. Freeman Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, a replacement bridge is presently being built and is near completion; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it most appropriate to preserve for posterity Dr. Freeman's exemplary legacy of public service by redesignating this new bridge to honor his memory; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That in honor of a life dedicated to community service and the welfare of others and in recognition of Dr. Freeman's many important contributions to Tennessee's illustrious history of volunteerism, the new bridge that spans Cordell Hull Lake on State Highway 53 at Granville in Jackson County is hereby designated as the "Dr. L. M. Freeman Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon its completion, the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Dr. L. M. Freeman Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.